

A classic comic book illustration of Captain Marvel in his red and yellow uniform, running towards the left. He has a white lightning bolt on his chest and a white cape with yellow trim and floral patterns. The background is a solid dark blue.

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**64 Pages of New
CAPTAIN MARVEL
Adventures**

BECAUSE BILLY BAZSON, THE BOY RADIO REPORTER, IS A SMART, BRAVE YOUNG FELLOW, AN ABBY SOBERED, CHOOSE HIM TO CARRY ON THE FIGHT AGAINST THE WORLD'S EVILS. HE GAVE HIM THE MAGIC WORD, "SHAZAM," WHICH TRANSFORMS YOUNG BILLY INTO THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN, CAPTAIN MARVEL.

THE STRANGE POWER CREATES MANY DANGERS FOR YOUNG BILLY, AND ONLY A VERY COURAGEOUS LAD COULD CARRY ON — FOR THERE ARE COUNTLESS TERRIBLE ENEMIES WHOSE GREATEST JOY WOULD BE TO PUT AN END TO CAPTAIN MARVEL!

Capt. MARVEL



HELLO, FOLKS. THIS IS BILLY BAZSON ON THE AIR AGAIN WITH THE LATEST NEWS.

ONE WHO KNOWS PART OF THE MIGHTY MARVEL MYSTERY IS SHAZA, MAD MASTER OF SCIENCE AND CRIME, WHOSE CRUEL AMBITIONS ARE CONSTANTLY THWARTED.



MY SCIENCE WOULD RULE THE WORLD EXCEPT FOR CAPTAIN MARVEL.



DON'T WORRY, BOSS. NO HUMAN ENEMY CAN LICK YOU.

AH, BUT CAPTAIN MARVEL IS MORE THAN HUMAN — AND HE MUST BE GIVEN A RIVAL WHO IS ALSO MORE THAN HUMAN.

MEANWHILE, THE HEAD OF AMALGAMATED BROADCASTING GIVES HIS ACE REPORTER AN ASSIGNMENT.



NOTHING'S BEEN HEARD OF SHAZA FOR SOME TIME. BILLY, GO OUT AND DO SOMETHING UP!

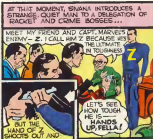
I WISH THAT SHAZA WERE WHERE THERE'D BE NO POINT IN DIGGING HIM UP — SIX FEET UNDERGROUND!

PROWLING THROUGH THE TOUGHEST DISTRICTS, BILLY, AT LENGTH OVERHEARS SOMETHING OF INTEREST.



LAY LOW FOR A WHILE, SPIKE. BOSS SHAZA'S SPRINGING SOMETHING NIFTY TO SMACK OVER THAT CAPTAIN MARVEL LUG.

SO, SHAZA'S BEEN OUT OF THINGS ONLY TO PLAN A 'NEW BUNCH OF TRICKS.



-AND WHERE STOOD ONLY A SLENDER LAD APPEARS THE TITIC FORM OF CAPT. MARVEL...

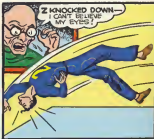


JUST AS SWANA'S HENCHMAN SPEAKS REASSURINGLY...



A POWERFUL BLOW SHATTERS THE PORTALS, AND CAPTAIN MARVEL IS AMONG THE CRIMINALS!





NEXT
MOMENT
THE TWO ARE
STAGING SUCH
A SLUSHEST
AS WAS
NEVER SEEN
ON EARTH—
BLOWS THAT
WOULD CRUSH
ELEPHANTS
ARE SPED
AND
LANDED!



BUT SWANA DOES NOT TRUST EVEN Z TO
CONQUER MARVEL, HE CALLS THE THING
TO ARMS.





THE FLYING BODY OF Z SMASHES THROUGH THE WALL.



THAT SETTLED MISTER Z AT LAST. THE OTHERS ARE ALL THROUGH FOR THE DAY... EXCEPT SHANA. HE WAS SMART ENOUGH TO RUN AWAY.



LATER, BILLY RESUMES HIS ROLE AS REPORTER AND UGCAD-CASTS PART OF THE TRUTH.

BILLY BLITSON AT THE MIKE FOLKS' FLASH... THE NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL SHANA HAD BAD LUCK TODAY. THERE WAS SOME KIND OF A MUNDANE UNSTANDING AT HIS HIDDEN LABORATORY, AND IT WAS WRECKED... ALSO A NUMBER OF SHANA'S FRIENDS. IF SHANA HAD WANTED, HE'D HAVE JOINED THE WRECKAGE... MAYBE THIS ISN'T THE END OF THE STORY...



BUT SHANA SNEAKS BACK TO THE SCENE OF THE DISTURBANCE ...

HEH... HEH... HEH... CAPTAIN MARVEL THINKS THIS IS THE END OF Z... IT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING!



IN ANOTHER OF HIS HIDDEN LABORATORIES, SHANA INJECTS A DRUG INTO Z, REVIVING HIM.

WHERE HAVE I BEEN?

IN DREAMLAND! YOU AREN'T QUITE A MATCH FOR THAT BIG LUMP OF MUSCLE YET - I MUST MAKE YOU STRONGER.



WE HAVE UNDERESTIMATED OUR ENEMY, BUT YOU WERE ALMOST GOOD ENOUGH TO CONQUER HIM. NEXT TIME -

NEXT TIME I WILL NOT FAIL!



VENTURING OUT, THE PARTNERS IN CRIME AND TRICK PLAN AGAIN FOR THE DOWNFALL OF CAPTAIN MARVEL.

WE'LL BAIT A TRAP FOR HIM. DO YOU OBSERVE THAT HALF-FINISHED SKY SCRAPER, Z?

YES, I THINK I KNOW YOUR PLAN, SYRINA.



NEXT MORNING PEOPLE GOING TO WORK ARE HORRIFIED BY WHAT SEEMS TO BE A FELLOW MAN IN DANGER.

HELP!
HELP!

LOOK! SOMEBODY UP THERE AND CAN'T GET DOWN.



THE POOR FELLOW CAN'T HOLD ON MUCH LONGER.

REPORTER BILLY BATSON RUSHES OUT TO SEE THE EXCITEMENT AND HOPES TO RESOLVE THE UNFORTUNATE STRANGER.

HE'LL DROP BEFORE HELP ARRIVES.

I'LL HAVE TO APPEAL TO MY OTHER SELF. SHAZAM!



A GLARE OF LIGHTNING, A ROLL OF THUNDER-

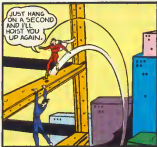


-AND CAPTAIN MARVEL LEAPS HIGH TO THE RESCUE.

COURAGE, BUDDY! I'LL GET YOU OUT OF THAT MESS.



JUST HANG ON A SECOND AND I'LL HOIST YOU UP AGAIN.



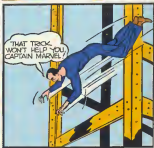
LIFTING THE SUPPOSED UNFORTUNATE, MARVEL SEES THE FACE OF HIS ENEMY, Z.



YOU THINK YOU HAVE
NO WEAKNESS— BUT IT
IS WEAK TO FEEL SORRY
FOR STRANGERS. IF
YOU HAD NOT COME TO
MY RESCUE, YOU WOULD
NOT BE ON THE BRINK
OF DESTRUCTION
NOW!



BUT RECOVERING HIS PRESENCE OF MIND IN MID-AIR, HE HOOKS A FOOT OVER A GIRDER AND ARRESTS HIS DOWNWARD DROP.



THE IMPACT OF 25,000 POUNDS CAPTAIN MARVEL FROM HIS MOMENTARY HOLD AND THEY FALL TOGETHER, FIGHTING.



AS THEY SHOOT PAST AN AWNING, CAPT. MARVEL CATCHES HOLD. THE AWNING RIPS, BUT THE FORCE OF THE FALL IS PARTIALLY BROKEN.



THEY STRIKE THE PAVEMENT WITH A TERRIFIC IMPACT, BOUNCING HIGH....



... AND INTO THE NEARBY RIVER.



CAPTAIN MARVEL'S LUNGS FILL WITH WATER. HE MUST WIN FREE OR DROWN.



LET LOOSE, OR I'LL KNOCK YOU INTO NEXT MONTH!





CAPTAIN MARVEL WATCHES FOR A FULL HOUR, BUT Z GIVES NO SIGN OF RISING FROM THE DEPTHS.



AS HE UTTERS THE MAGIC WORD AGAIN, A GREAT FLASH OF LIGHTNING.



...AND THE MIGHTY ONE RETURNS TO THE SHADE AND PERSONALITY OF BILLY BATSON, BROADCASTING AS MUCH OF THE TRUE STORY AS ORDINARY PEOPLE WILL BELIEVE.



BUT AS BILLY LEAVES THE SPOT, A HORRIBLE LITTLE FIGURE APPEARS AND PLUNGES INTO THE WATER.







THUNDER AND LIGHTNING FILL THE ROOM!



NOW FOR A
SHOWDOWN!



DIPPING
OPEN
SHAZAM'S
SAFE.
MARVEL
INVESTIGATES.

SHAZAM PLANNED
THAT THIS SAFE
SHOULD SURVIVE THE
FIRE. WITH WHAT'S
INSIDE. LET'S HAVE
A LOOK!



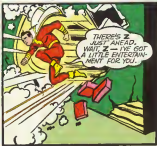
THESE ARE PLANS
FOR SCIENTIFIC
WEAPONS TO
ATTACK THE WORLD.
POOR SHAZAM
WILL HAVE TO
DOPE THEM
OUT FROM THE
BEGINNING
AGAIN.



NOW TO TAKE
UP THE TRAIL OF
MY FIRE-FLING-
ING FRIENDS.



THERE'S Z
JUST AHEAD.
WAIT, Z — I'VE GOT
A LITTLE ENTERTAIN-
MENT FOR YOU.



Z, FOLLOWING SHANA, PAUSES TO FIGHT IT OUT ONCE AGAIN!



WE'LL MAKE A GOOD FIGHT OF IT, CAPTAIN MARVEL. WHAT A RIFT THAT THE WORLD CAN'T SEE AND ENJOY IT.

RIGHT YOU ARE. WHAT DO YOU SAY WE GO TO A REAL FINISH THIS TIME?



THIS TIME CAPTAIN MARVEL GETS HIMSELF FOR SERIOUS CONDUCT. Z STRIKES SWIFTLY, BUT CAPTAIN MARVEL DUCKS.



SLIPPING UNDER Z'S GUARD, MARVEL LANDS SWIFT, DEADLY BLOW!

SWIFT AS A MACHINE GUN, DEVASTATING AS HIGH EXPLOSIVE, MARVEL'S ATTACK SMOTHERS Z.



NOTHING CAN STAND UNDER THAT SUPREME BOMBARDMENT THE MACHINICENT BODY OF Z STAGGERS BACK.

DO YOU CAN'T TAKE IT AFTER ALL!





THE VICTORIOUS CAPTAIN MARVEL QUICKLY CLEARS AWAY THE WRECKAGE, UNTIL



...HE COMES UPON HIS FALLEN ENEMY.



Capt. Marvel -Out West-



A GALA DRY IN RIMROCK VACATION CENTER OF THE DUDE RANCH COUNTRY... THE CACTUS COUNTY BOSSO IS IN FULL SWING.



Big EVENT OF THE DAY! LADIES AND GENTLEMEN... BRONCHO BUSTING AND CIND. PRIZE RIDER OF THE CROSSINGS OUTFIT IS PICKED TO WIN!

CARAMBA! I FALL!



SUDDENLY THE RIDER IS UNSEATED.



CYHO'S COME FOR!

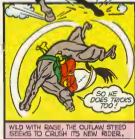
THAT HOSSE'LL STOMP HIM TO DEATH!

NOT IF CAPTAIN MARVEL CAN HELP IT. SHAZAM!



A BLINDING FLASH OF LIGHT... CAPT. MARVEL TO THE RESCUE.

A SIMPLE GRASP AND SHOVE ... THE WILD-
DUS BEAST IS CREATED OF ITS VICTIM.





THE MIGHTY VICTORY IS CHEERED BY ALL, EXCEPT THE OWNER OF THE CROSSBONE RANCH.





AS BOSS OF THE CROSS-BONE OUTFIT I WANT TO CELEBRATE BY INVITING ALL SIDERS AND RANCHERS TO A BARBEQUE.

SWELL, MISTER LARRABY, WE'LL BE TICKLED TO DEATH!



WHAT'S THE MATTER, BILLY? SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?

THAT MAN LARRABY LOOKS FAMILIAR... I'VE SEEN HIS PICTURE SOMEWHERE... FRONT AND SIDE VIEWS... HMM.



THEY ARE ALL GATHERED HERE, GINO?

SI, SENOR.

LITTLE JOE... LITTLE JOE... WHERE HE'S BORN IN THE WORLD, DADN'T KNOW...



BUT BILLY'S SPECIAL RADIO EQUIPMENT PICKS UP THE WHISPERED CONVERSATION.

CHEER UP, BILLY, GET A GIRL AND DANCE.

WHEN IT'S ROUNDUP TIME IN TEXAS, AN' THE BIGHORN IS ON THE SAGE.

NOBODY WILL GUARD THE HERD... RUN OFF EVERY STEER FROM EVERY RANCH...



I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT GINO'S UP TO. SHAZAM!



BLINDED BY THE SUDDEN FLASH, THE MERRYMAKERS DO NOT SEE A GIANT RED-CLAD FIGURE SPEED AWAY



RIDE FAST, MAKE READY OUR FRIENDS AT THE RANCHES. IT'S IN THE BAG, GINO!

AS THE SUN SETS, GINO AND SOME HELPERS RIDE SWIFTLY FROM THE CROSSBONE RANCH.

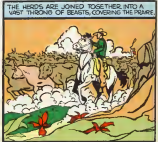


THEY DO NOT NOTICE A SILENT MAN WHO FOLLOWS THEM, HIS FEET FASTER THAN THEIR HORSES.



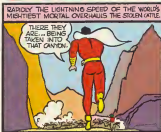
DON'T CALL FOR HELP UNTIL WE'RE GONE — OR I'LL BLAST YOU!

AT RANCH AFTER RANCH, LONE GUARDS ARE TIED UP AND CATTLE RUN OFF.



THE HERDS ARE JOINED TOGETHER INTO A VAST THRONG OF BEASTS, COVERING THE PRAIRIE.







WHAT THE...?
WHERE DID
THOSE CATTLE
GO?



THEY WERE
HERE A MOMENT
AGO... HERE
ARE TRACKS...
BUT WHAT BECAME
OF THEM?



THIS IS THE KIND
OF MYSTERY THAT
IS HARD TO CRACK
OPEN... AND I
LOVE IT!



MEANWHILE, AS EACH RANCHER COMES HOME FROM LARRYBY'S BARBECUE, EVIDENCE OF THE THEFT IS FOUND.

WHAT HAPPENED
HERE?

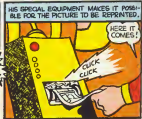
BUSTLERS
MISS DAISY...
THEY TIED ME UP
AND DROVE OFF
OUR PRIZE
CATTLE.



NEXT MORNING, THE PLUNDERED CATTLE OWNERS MEET AT THE CROSSBONE RANCH...

WHILE WE WERE AT
THE BARBECUE LAST
NIGHT, ALL OUR RANCHES
WERE RAIDED...

YEAH? ME
TOO, MY BEST
STOCK, ALL GONE!

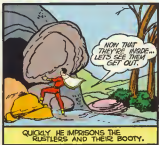








AND A BIG SLAB OF ROCK LIFTS, EXPOSING A TUNNEL.



AGAIN CAPTAIN MARVEL OUTRIGS THE RUSTLERS.

QUICKLY HE IMPRISONES THE RUSTLERS AND THEIR BOOTY.



BUT MARNEL DOES NOT KNOW THE POSSE IS CONVINCED OF HIS GUILT.





TENSING HIS IRON NECK MUSCLES AGAINST THE MOOSE, CAPTAIN MARVEL WHIRLS INTO A SPIN.

IN MID-WHIRL, HE SEIZES TWO OF THE POSSE.



THE STRAIN ON THE ROPE IS TOO GREAT, IT BREAKS, WHIRLING THE THREE MEN AWAY LIKE FEATHERS.



AND CAPTAIN MARVEL LANDS BEFORE THE HIDDEN TUNNEL.



LOOK... THERE'S WHERE ALL THE STOLEN STOCK HAVE DISAPPEARED TO.



AS THE IMPRISONED RUSTLERS RIDE FORTH, MARVEL CONFRONTS THEM.

CARAJO!
IT IS THE DEVIL
MAN WHO
CAPTURED
US!



RIDING HARD, THE POSSE REACHES THE CANYON.



THERE THEY ARE,
WITH THE
RUSTLERS!



NO, SENOR
LARRABY,
DON'T
SHOOT!

HOLD
EVERYTHING!

GINO'S THE
ONLY ONE WHO
KNOWS MY SWAY
IN THIS. I'D
BETTER...



NOW, YOU'LL
HAVE TO SHOOT
AROUND CORNERS.

CAPTAIN MARVEL AGAIN SAVES
GINO'S LIFE.



I WILL TELL ALL... SENOR
LARRABY HIRED ME TO BOB
YOU ALL. THE MEN LEFT ON
GUARD WERE BRIBED NOT
TO IDENTIFY ME, AND WE
TOOK THE CROSSBONE
RANCH STOCK, TOO,
TO COVER UP...

THIS IS A
LOT OF BUNK.
WHAT REASON
WOULD I HAVE TO
PULL SUCH A
TRICK?

I'LL EXPLAIN THAT, YOU'RE NOT LARRABY — YOU'RE BIG BOY LARRABOZO. YOU WERE TOO HOT BACK EAST, SO YOU CAME OUT HERE TO FIND NEW VICTIMS FOR YOUR RACKETEERS.

YEAH — THIS CLEAR'S UP EVERYTHING



STRING HIM UP — RIGHT NOW.

THAT'S NO WAY TO FIGHT CRIME, GENTLEMEN. GIVE HIM A TRIAL AND LET THE LAW PUNISH HIM.



YOU WONDERFUL MAN YOU SAVED ME — I'M GOING TO MISS YOU.

HELP! HELP! SWAZAM!



INSTEAD OF CAPTAIN MARVEL, DASY HOLDS A FLASH OF LIGHTNING. FOR A BRIEF MOMENT.

W-H-E'S GONE! BUT WHERE?

LOTS OF PEOPLE WONDER WHERE CAPTAIN MARVEL GOES, MISS DASY.



VACATION'S OVER, FOLKS — AND I'M KINDA GLAD, MAYBE I CAN GET BACK TO A LITTLE WORK NOW!





CAPT. MARVEL'S "PENCIL-PUZZLE-PAGE..."



FOLKS, THIS IS A NEW PLANET WHICH I DISCOVERED RECENTLY! IT IS 19 BILLION MILES AWAY FROM THE EARTH! YOU CAN VERIFY THIS BY DRAWING LINES FROM DOT TO NEAREST DOT UNTIL ALL SQUARES ARE COMPLETED. NUMBER EACH LINE THAT YOU DRAW WHICH DOES NOT CLOSE A SQUARE. LINES CLOSING SQUARES ARE FREE. THE SAME SYSTEM APPLIES TO THE ELEPHANT ON THE NEXT PAGE!!

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GEE BOYS AND GIRLS I MADE 26 WORDS IN 10 MINUTES!



SEE HOW MANY WORDS OF 3 LETTERS OR MORE YOU CAN MAKE OUT OF THE WORD **ENGLISH**. NO SLANG - NO ARCHaic NAMES - NO FLURVIE'S ARE ALLOWED. TRY IT RIGHT NOW!!
CAPT. MARVEL



YOU'LL FIND INDEED - A FRIEND IN NEED - IF YOU TAKE YOUR PENCIL AND START AT NO. 1. THEN DRAW A LINE TO NO. 2, AND SO ON UNTIL YOU REACH NO. 48 -

START A WORD CONTEST - IT'S LOTS OF FUN.



THE SUPER INSTRUMENT OF BILLY BATSON, ACE RADIO REPORTER, ACTS STRANGELY.



WHAT A ROTTEN THING... HUMAN BEINGS ON THE PLANET SATURN, BEING WORKED TO DEATH BY MONSTERS. ITS UP TO CAPTAIN MARVEL... SHAZAM!

BOOM!

LIGHTNING... THUNDER... AND THEN....

...WHERE BILLY BATSON STOOD IS THE MIGHTY FORM OF CAPTAIN MARVEL!

HOLD TIGHT, SATURN... HERE I COME!

IN A PREVIOUS ADVENTURE, CAPTAIN MARVEL SEIZED A SPACE SHIP FROM A WICKED SCIENTIST.

I'M GLAD I SAVED THIS ROCKET SHIP WHEN I TOOK IT FROM ITS OWNER.

SWIFTER THAN ANY BULLET, CAPTAIN MARVEL'S CRAFT BEARS HIM TOWARDS SATURN, NEARLY A BILLION MILES AWAY.

NEARLY THERE... AND MY KNUCKLES ARE ALREADY ITCHING TO SMACK ONE OF THOSE SLAVE DRIVERS.

A STRANGE SPACE CRAFT APPROACHES!

X-RAY IT, FIND OUT WHAT IT IS.

BUT POWERFUL INSTRUMENTS ARE TRAINED ON THE VOYAGER... THE DRAGON MEN WHO RULE SATURN WATCH HIS COMING!

A SPECIAL RAY MAKES THE SHIP TRANSPARENT, REVEALING TO THE GROTESQUE WATCHERS THE FIGURE OF CAPTAIN MARVEL.

A MISERABLE UPSTART HUMAN, ISSINS FLIES THAT SHIP. BLAST HIM WITH THE DEATH RAY!



A PLEASURE!

AND, HIGH ABOVE SATURN'S SURFACE, CAPTAIN MARVEL'S SHIP IS BLOWN TO BITS.



WOAH! THEY MUST HAVE A HUNCH WHAT I RUSE TO DO TO THEM!



I'M IN A HURRY TO GET THERE, BUT NOT TOO MUCH OF A HURRY.



WITH HIS CLOAK, CAPTAIN MARVEL FORMS A PARACHUTE, SLOWING UP HIS HEADLONG PLUNGE.

SO IT WAS YOU WHO TRIED TO MAKE A CINDER OF ME.

THE INSOLENT CREATURE STILL LIVES!



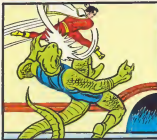
DO YOU DARE CALL US TO ACCOUNT, WEAK HUMAN?



I SEE THAT ONLY ONE ARGUMENT WILL MAKE ANY IMPRESSION ON YOUR UGLY HEAD.



... AND THIS IS IT!

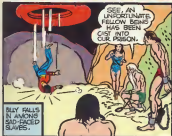




THIS ONE MUST BE AN ESCAPED SLAVE. THROW HIM INTO THE DUNGEON WITH THE OTHERS.



NOW TO SUMMON, HELP AND HUNT DOWN THAT DEFIANT BATTLESLAVE IN RED.



SEE, AN UNFORTUNATE FELLOW BEING HAS BEEN CIST INTO OUR PRISON.

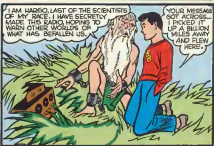
BOB FALLS IN AMONG SAD-FACED SLAVES.



DON'T PITY ME. I CAME HERE ON PURPOSE TO SEE JUST WHAT WOULD HAPPEN.

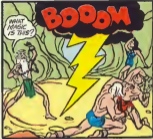


YOU DO NOT KNOW? ALL THE WORLD AND ITS INNOCENT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ENSLAVED BY THE DRAGON-MEN, WHO ARE CONQUERORS FROM A WORLD BEYOND THE STARS.



I AM HARGO, LAST OF THE SCIENTISTS OF MY RACE. I HAVE SECRETLY MADE THIS RADIO HOPING TO WARN OTHER WORLDS OF WHAT HAS BEFALLEN US.

YOUR MESSAGE GOT ACROSS. I PICKED IT UP A BILLION MILES AWAY AND FLEW HERE.



BUT AMONG THE SLAVES IS A SLY TRAITOR, SHOPPO, WHO SEEKS REVENGE WITH THE DRAGON-MEN BY TELLING THE SECRETS OF HIS FELLOW MEN.





DOWN BUT NOT OUT,
THE DRAGON OFFICER
PRODUCES A SPECIAL
WEAPON.

HEAT RAYS WON'T
FAZE HIM, BUT A
PARALYZE
RAY WILL!



THE POWERFUL LIGHT
STRIKES CAPTAIN MARVEL
AS MOTIONLESS AS A
STONE IMAGE.

BATTERED
BUT TRIUMPHANT,
THE DRAGON-
MEN CARRY
THEIR
HELPLESS
CAPTIVE
AWAY!



WE MUST TAKE
THIS WONDROUS
FIGHTER TO
OUR RULER.



THEY APPROACH A STRANGE, RICH
PALACE WHERE THE MONARCH
OF DRAGON-FOLK HOLDS COURT.



HE SHALL DRY
WITH HIS LIFE
FOR DEFYING
US!

EXECUTIONER,
SPLIT HIM
IN TWO!

THIS IS THE
FIGHTING
STRANGER OF
WHOM YOU HAVE
BEEN HEARING,
MIGHTY
RULER.

THE PARALYZED CAPTAIN MARVEL
IS DOOMED BY THE RULER.

DOWN SWEEPS THE AXE... BUT IT BOUNCES BACK, STRIKING DOWN A DRAGON-MAN.



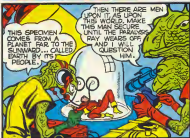
AMAZING...
THE AXE
DIDN'T EVEN
DENT HIM!

TO THE HOSPITAL, QUICK—
THERE IS HOPE THAT HE
WILL LIVE.

LUCK!

CALL MY
SCIENTISTS
TO EXAMINE
THIS WONDROUS
PRISONER.

THIS SPECIMEN
COMES FROM A
PLANET FAR TO THE
SUNWARD... CALLED
EARTH BY ITS
PEOPLE.



THEN THERE ARE MEN
UPON IT, AS UPON
THIS WORLD, MAKE
THIS MAN SECURE
UNTIL THE PARADOX
RAY WEARS OFF,
AND I WILL
QUESTION
HIM.

CAPTAIN MARVEL IS BURIED IN
SUPER CONCRETE WHICH HOLDS
HIM LIKE A NAIL.



NOT EVEN HIS STRENGTH
CAN BURST FROM THIS
PERSON.

MEANWHILE THE CONQUERED
PEOPLE ARE WHIPPED BACK
TO THEIR LABOR.



FORWARD, VILE
SLAVES... WORK
TO BASH YOUR
WRETCHED
FOOD!

YOU GHOPPO, HAVE
EARNED A REWARD,
YOU NEED NOT WORK
TODAY... AND THIS
THE FINEST OF THE
SLAVES SHALL BE
YOUR MATE.



HA, I HAVE
LONG WISHED
FOR HER!

NO! I
WOULD
RATHER
DIE THAN
HARRY
GHOPPO!

MEANWHILE CAPT MARVEL RE-
GAINS POWER OF THOUGHT AND
SPEECH!



CAPTAIN MARVEL,
YOU COME FROM THE PLANET
EARTH, ARE ALL YOUR
PEOPLE LIKE YOU?

NOT ALL... I HAPPEN
TO BE THE STRONG-
EST FIGHTER
AMONG
THEM.





WHILE BILLY, FORESEEING THIS, RETURNS TO THE CONCRETE PRISON.





THESE DRAGON-MEN MEAN BUSINESS. I'LL HAVE TO WORK FAST!



HE LEAPS THROUGH THE AIR TO THE PALACE...

I'LL DROP IN FOR A CHAT WITH THE RULER!



SO YOU ESCAPED AFTER ALL, THE FREEDOM FIGHTER...

WELL, YOUR MAJESTY, I CATCH YOU ALL ALONE.



NO DRAGON CAN KEEP IT FOR YOURSELF!

GUARDS! OHAY...



ORDER THE ARMY TO COME TO THE PALACE AT ONCE. EVERY FIGHTING DRAGON-MAN OF IT.

WE HEAR AND OBEY YOU, MASTER.

AS THE GUARDS RALLY TO THEIR RULER'S LAST CRY, MARVEL, FROM HIDING, INVIGILATES THE TONES OF THE DRAGON MONARCH AND ISSUES ORDERS.



AT ONCE, THE WARRIOR LEGIONS OF THE MONSTER PEOPLE GATHER.

WHAT DOES THIS ORDER MEAN?

I DO NOT KNOW BUT THE RULER'S WORD IS LAW!



NO ARMED MEN ARE LEFT OUTSIDE BUT OVERSEERS WILL ATTEND TO THEM.



OVER YOU GO, SLAVE DRIVERS!

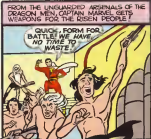
IT'S CAPT. MARVEL, COME TO OUR RESCUE!

THE MIGHTIEST OF MORTALS MAKES SHORT WORK OF THE SLAVE GUARDS.



I PROMISED YOU FREEDOM... IT WILL BE YOURS, BALLY ALL OTHER SLAVES!

WE FOLLOW YOUR LEADERSHIP CAPTAIN MARVEL!



FROM THE UNGUARDED ARCHIVALS OF THE DRAGON MEN, CAPTAIN MARVEL GETS WEAPONS FOR THE RISEN PEOPLE!

QUICK, FORM FOR BATTLE! WE HAVE NO TIME TO WASTE!



THE SLAVES THROU TO THEIR NEW LEADER AND ADVANCE LIKE AN ARMY.

NOW ATTACK THE PALACE!

DOWN WITH THE DRAGON PEOPLE!



WAKE UP, MIGHTY MASTER, THE SLAVES HAVE REBELLED... THEY HAVE PENNED US UP IN THE PALACE!



WHAT HAS HAPPENED? WHERE AM I?



KILL THEM! DON'T BE AFRAID WE'VE WELL DEFENDED BEHIND THESE WALLS!

THE DRAGON ARMY PUTS UP A FIERCE RESISTANCE.



BUT THE STOUT WALLS OF THE PALACE ARE NO OBSTACLE TO CAPTAIN MARVEL.

HERE! I'LL MAKE A WAY FOR US TO GET INSIDE!

LET ME AT THOSE DRAGONS!



NOW FOR THE SHOWDOWN!



HA! I'LL BLAST THE RABBLE TO ATOMS!



NOT THIS TIME, YOUR MAJESTY!



CAPTAIN MARVEL THROWS BACK THE EXPLOSIVE, WHICH DESTROYS THE RULER OF THE DRAGONS.

THEIR LEADER DEAD, THE DRAGON-MEN CUMBLE BEFORE THEIR FORMER SLAVES.



HELP!
RUN!

WE'VE WON! THE DRAGON-MEN ARE SMASHED FOREVER!



HELPING TO ORGANIZE THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF SATURN, CAPT. MARVEL SAYS FAREWELL.



LET HARGO, YOUR SCIENTIST, BE THE NEW RULER. WORK TOGETHER, BE HAPPY, AND NOW MY WORK IS DONE. I RETURN TO MY OWN WORLD.



NOT EVEN THE THUNDER-GOD COULD HAVE BEEN SO GREAT.

THE EXAMPLE OF CAPTAIN MARVEL WILL MAKE US A MIGHTY PEOPLE.



IM NEARLY HOME AGAIN. IT WAS QUITE A RESTFUL VACATION.



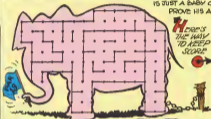
MAYBE YOU DON'T BELIEVE THIS STORY... BUT DON'T SAY SO TO ANYBODY FROM SATURN, OR HE'LL HIT YOU RIGHT ON THE NOSE!

BILLY BATSON'S PAGE OF GAMES..



"CALLING ALL WHIZZES!"

EVERYONE KNOWS THAT AN ELEPHANT'S HIDE IS FULL OF SMALL LINES, BUT THIS LITTLE BULL IS JUST A BABY OF 18 — GIVE IF YOU CAN PROVE HIS AGE.



HERE'S THE WAY TO KEEP SCORE

FOR ELEPHANT and PLANET "PLAY SQUARE" PUZZLES!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56
57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64



HEY — SOMEBODY START HERE AND SHOW ME HOW TO GET TO THAT LAKE!



IT'S NOT EXACTLY ROUND!
IT IS 30!
IT IS NOT!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?



OH, STOP ARGUING AND PROVE IT BY CUTTING A NICKEL ON IT!



MARK YOUR WAY WITH COLORED CRAYON



YOU CAN GET A LINE ON THE RIGHT ANSWER RIGHT BELOW!

WHICH IS LONGER?
The Line A-B
OR
The Line C-D



CAPT. MARVEL BATTLES THE VAMPIRE

SOMETIMES CAPTAIN MARVEL
FACES AN ENEMY THAT STRONGER
ALONE WON'T CONQUER. FOR
INSTANCE ONE NIGHT.....



GET US A STORY ON DOCTOR
DEEVER'S NEW PROCESS TO
RESTORE THE DEAD TO
LIFE, BILLY.

ALL RIGHT,
MR MORRIS... BUT
IT SURE IS AWFULLY
SPOOKY.



YOU SEEM TO TAKE ME SERIOUSLY,
YOUNGSTER. COME WITH ME AT
MIDNIGHT AND I'LL PROVE MY
CLAIMS.

THANKS,
DOCTOR
DEEVER. I'LL
BE ON
HAND.



LATER THAT NIGHT.

WHY ARE WE HERE AT MIDNIGHT?
IS THIS SCIENCE OR
WITCHCRAFT?

PERHAPS IT'S SOME-
THINGS OF BOTH. THE OLD
WIZARDS AND MAGICIANS
HAD PLENTY OF SCIENCE
IN THEIR SORCERY. I HAVE
LEARNED SOME OF
THEIR SECRETS.



I AM DIGGING UP ONE WHO DIED 100 YEARS AGO... A MYSTERIOUS AND EVIL MAN, WITH NO DESCENDANTS. THERE WILL BE NO OBJECTION TO USING HIS REMAINS FOR MY EXPERIMENT.

HERE LIES BRAM THRELL - GOOD RIDDANCE



THE COFFIN IS UNCOVERED AND INTO IT, DOCTOR DREYER POURS HIS SECRET FORMULA.

THIS ELIXIR OF LIFE WILL AWAKEN BRAM THRELL - ONE MORE.

I'M BEGINNING TO HOPE IT'S ALL A FAKE.



HE LIVES! MY EXPERIMENT IS A SUCCESS!



BUT...HE ISN'T OF AN ORDINARY HUMAN!

NOT WHEN DEAD BONES COME TO LIFE THAT LIFE IS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT NATURE KNOWS.



DON'T HURT ME... I BROUGHT YOU BACK TO LIFE!

YES AND I TAKE YOUR STRENGTH TO JOIN MINE.



HAI! NOW I AM STRONG AGAIN!

THE LIFE FORCE OF DEEVER PASSES INTO THE BODY OF THE LIVING DEAD MAN — DEEVER COLLAPSES.



ANOTHER HUMAN PREY I'LL HAVE YOUR LIFE FORCE TOO, MY BOY.

LET'S SEE WHAT CAPTAIN MARVEL SAYS ABOUT THAT — SHAZAN!



BANG!

WHAT MAGIC IS THIS?

A THUNDERBOLT STRIKES AND GLIMMERS IN THE OLD CEMETERY—



—AND MIGHTY CAPTAIN MARVEL CONFRONTS THE WEIRD MONSTER.

THE CHILD BECAMES A GIANT— ALL THE MORE STRENGTH FOR ME TO DRAW IN TO MYSELF.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE YAMMERING ABOUT, BUT START SOMETHING



YOU'RE TOO CLUMSY, THIRLA. NOW IT'S MY MOVE.



THIS WALLOW WILL SEND YOU BACK TO SLEEP IN THAT GRAVE.



BUT THE POWERFUL FIST DRIVES THROUGH THIRLA'S BODY AS IF IT WERE A PUFF OF SMOKE.

WO! WO! I CAN MELT AWAY AT WILL.

WHAT THE...?



THIRLA CLOSIS HIS FANGS ON CAPTAIN MARVEL'S ARM... BUT STRONG MUSCLES WITHSTAND THE BITE.

I AM A VAMPIRE, YOU CANNOT HURT ME NOW...
I'M CAPTAIN MARVEL, YOU CAN'T HURT ME, EITHER.



YOU ARE MORE THAN HUMAN IN YOUR PRESENT FORM... BUT WHEN YOU TURN BACK INTO A CHILD, I CAN DESTROY YOU! GOODBYE FOR NOW!

HERE LIES BRAM THIRLA
GOOD RIDDANCE



AS THE SUN BEGINS TO RISE, THIRLA FACES FROM BRIGHT.

HE DREAMS OF THIS BE GOING TO BE A REAL PROBLEM!



BACK AT HIS HOME, BILLY BATSON CONSULTS HIS DICTIONARY.

I CAN'T BROADCAST MY STORY UNTIL I KNOW THE WHOLE TRUTH. LET'S SEE, THIRLA CALLED HIMSELF A VAMPIRE...

VAMPIRE: According to ancient legends, a dead body which comes to life, rises from the grave and gains great strength and power by preying upon living men.

A LIVING BODY... THAT SOUNDS IMPOSSIBLE! BUT BRAM STIRLER'S AN IMPOSSIBLE CREATURE. POOL DOCTOR DELIVERS MIXTURE OF SCIENCE AND MAGIC HAS SET FREE A TERRIBLE DANGER ON THE WORLD!

IN THE NIGHTS THAT FOLLOW, A HORRIBLE FATE OVERTAKES MANY CITIZENS!

USELESS FOR YOU TO RUN OR SCREAM, MY DEAR, YOUR LIFE IS ALREADY MINE!

HELP!

HERE'S THE LATEST NEWS ON THE STRANGE TRAGEDY IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, FOLKS... MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE GONE OUT ALONE AT NIGHT HAVE BEEN FOUND DEAD OF AN UNKNOWN CAUSE. DOCTORS AND POLICE CAN GIVE NO EXPLANATION... BUT YOUR ANNOUNCER, BILLY BRITSON, WILL TRY TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY. KEEP TUNED IN ON ME!

HE GOES TO THE LIBRARY TO PURSUE HIS STUDY.

I WANT A BOOK ON VAMPIRES.

THIS IS THE BEST WORK ON THE SUBJECT.

THE VAMPIRE LEGEND
BY JOHN STUBBS

THE FIRST CHAPTER TELLS BILLY THAT ALL NATIONS HAVE FEARFUL TALES OF THE LIVING DEAD WHO TORMENT AND DESTROY HEALTHY, NORMAL FOLK. THE LIFE AND STRENGTH OF VICTIMS ARE ABSORBED BY THE VAMPIRES, GIVING THEM TERRIBLE POWERS FOR EVIL, AND WHEN THE VICTIMS DIE THEY, TOO, BECOME VAMPIRES. NO ORDINARY WEAPONS WILL DESTROY A VAMPIRE...

WHILE BILLY BATSON STUDIES A SUBJECT WHICH MAKES HIS BLOOD RUN COLD, A FACE APPEARS AT THE WINDOW.



THIS READS LIKE A NIGHTMARE BUT I'M BEGINNING TO GET A HUNCH HOW TO FIGHT THIRLA.



KNOCK!
KNOCK!

HO-HUM. WONDER WHO THAT COULD BE?



WHO'S OUT THERE?

IT IS BEGG THIRLA. YOUR HOUR HAS COME.



BILLY LOOKS THE DOOR AT ONCE.

YOU DON'T THINK I'M ROUGH ENOUGH TO LET YOU IN, DO YOU?

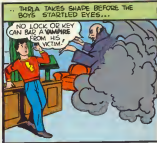
I DON'T THINK YOU ARE WISE ENOUGH TO KEEP ME OUT.



A FIFTY-LOOKING CLOUD SEEPS THROUGH THE KEYHOLE, AND...

WHAT'S THIS... POISON GAS?

NOTHING SO FEEBLE AS THAT. IT IS I... THIRLA!



... THIRLA TAKES SHAPE BEFORE THE BOYS STARTLED EYES...

NO LOCK OR KEY CAN BAR A VAMPIRE FROM HIS VICTIM!



HA! YOU CANNOT ESCAPE ME!



BUT AS THIS LAZINESS HIS PREY, SOMETHING MAKES HIM STOP.

NOW... WAIT, WHAT IS THAT ON THE DESK?



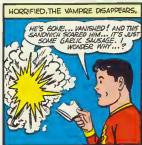
SO YOU DON'T LIKE IT, HUH?

THAT SANDWICH... HORRIBLE... DEADLY...



DON'T TELL ME THAT THIS SANDWICH IS POISONOUS TO YOU, THOLA?

DON'T... DON'T... TAKE IT AWAY!



HORRIFIED, THE VAMPIRE DISAPPEARS.

HE'S GONE... VANISHED! AND THE SANDWICH BARED HIM... IT'S JUST SOME GREEK SAUSAGE. I WONDER WHY...?



WE MUST TRAVEL BEYOND THIS RESTRICTED DISTRICT... SEEK VICTIMS IN OTHER PLACES. THOSE WHO DIE US WILL RISE AGAIN AS WARRIORS. OUR EMPIRE OF WARRIORS WILL REACH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD!



WHAT A SNEAKY THOUGHT... AND IT MIGHT COME TRUE AT THIS!

RISE, MY PEOPLE! DESTROY THIS SNEAKY SPY!



YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT, THIRLA!

A HUMAN CHILD COMES AMONG US.

AT THE MAGICAL COMMAND OF THIRLA THE VAMPIRE, PEOPLE TURN INTO A PACK OF HUNGRY WOLVES.

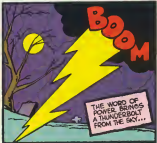


THAT'S VERY GOOD... YOU'RE ONLY BEASTS AT HEART. WHY NOT BE BEASTS IN SHAPE!

AS WOLVES YOU'LL DEVOUR HIM, LEAVING NOT A TRACE.



BUT I CAN DO A QUICK-CHANGE TRICK TOO. SHAZAM!



THE WORD OF POWER BRINGS A THUNDERBOLT FROM THE SKY...



THIRLA CALLS YOU WOLVES- YOU LOOK LIKE PUPPY DOGS TO ME.

CAPTAIN MARVEL STANDS READY TO MEET THE ATTACK.



GET ON HIM! DESTROY HIM!
I CAN'T KEEP THEM FROM GETTING ON THIRLA...



...BUT I CAN SURE HELP THEM GET OFF AGAIN!



YOU MAY LOOK LIKE WOLVES, BUT YOU ACT LIKE DOORMATS!

BY BECOMING WOLVES, THE WARRIORS ARE SOLID FLESH AND BONE... CAPT. MARVEL IS MORE THAN A MATCH FOR THE HORDE.



TO SWALLOW THEM ALL WHOLE IF THEY WERENT SO FUZZY.

QUICK, MY FOLLOWERS! JOIN YOURSELVES AGAINST HIM!



THE PACK OF BEASTS IS COMBINED TO MAKE ONE GIANT WOLF OF MAMMOTH SIZE.

THERE IS CAPTAIN MARVEL! GOBBLE HIM UP!



I KNOW A WAY TO DEAL WITH THIS OVERGROWN CUR!



INTO THE MONSTER'S GAPING MOUTH SPRINGS CAPT. MARVEL!



VICTORY SEEMS TO HAVE CROWNED THIRLA'S ENCHANTMENTS.

WELL DONE! YOU HAVE SWALLOWED CAPTAIN MARVEL!



WHAT AILS YOU? ARE YOU ILL?

THE VOICE OF CAPTAIN MARVEL SPEAKS FROM THE GREAT WOLF'S STOMACH.

YOU GET THIS ILL...
IM DANCING THE BIG
APPLE HERE INSIDE
HIM.



STAND BACK,
EVERYBODY...
HERE COMES THE
BIG BLAST!

A MIGHTY CRASH AS THE GIANT WOLF
FLIES TO PIECES!

BOOM!

THAT'S HOW
TO MAKE LITTLE
ONES OUT OF
BIG ONES,
TWIRLA.

CURSED ONE, WE
WILL FIGHT TO THE
DEATH!

AT THAT MOMENT, THE SUN BEGINS TO RISE.



TO A FIGHT?
THAT SOUNDS
FINE!

NO... WAIT.
IT'S
DAWN...

AS THE LIGHT GROWS, THYLA
COLLAPSES AS IF STRICKEN.



Oooooo...



HE'S DEAD
ALL RIGHT, BEFORE
I EVEN TOUCHED
HIM.



BACK HE
GOES, WHERE
I FIRST SAW
HIM.



LET'S HOPE
THE WORLD
WOULDN'T
SEE HIM AGAIN.



IF I HURRY, I'LL
BE HOME IN TIME
TO MAKE A
BREAKFAST
BROADCAST.

INTO THE GRAVE FROM WHICH DOCTOR
DEVEL REVIVED HIM, THE WARRIOR
THYLA IS THROWN...



GOOD NEWS, FOLKS — THE MYSTERIOUS PLAGUE SEEMS TO BE AT AN END. NO MORE TROUBLE OF THAT KIND, WE HOPE.



BUT RETURNING TO HIS STUDIES, BILLY MAKES AN ALARMING DISCOVERY.

I SPOKE TOO SOON — THIS ISN'T FINISHED AFTER ALL.



VAMPIRES ALWAYS DIE AT SUNRISE — AND COME TO LIFE AGAIN AT SUNSET! THE BOOK SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO DESTROY THEM PERMANENTLY.



HE SEARCHES ALL DAY AMONG THE TREES OF THE FOREST.

I MUST WORK FAST. I HOPE THAT'S THE TREE I'M LOOKING FOR.



HERE'S WHAT I WANT — WHITE THORN — IT'S MORE DEADLY THAN EVEN GARLIC.



NOW — I'LL BE ABLE TO MEET MISTER THYLA ON EQUAL TERMS.

AT ALMOST THE SAME MOMENT, THE SUN GOES DOWN, THE MOON COMES UP —AND SO DOES THE EVIL THIRLA.



NOW TO MEET AND SMASH THE ONE WHO HAS CAUSED ME SUCH GRIEF — THE BOY WHO TURNS HIMSELF INTO CAPTAIN MARVEL.

THE DEMONS WHISPERED THAT HE IS ABROAD TONIGHT. THEY WILL GUIDE ME TO HIM.



HA! THERE IS MY VICTIM.



THIRLA HAS COME FOR YOU.

GEE! SHAZAM!



AT THE SOUND OF THE MAGIC WORD, THUNDER AND LIGHTNING ROAR.



TRIED TO SNEAK UP ON ME, DID YOU? WELL, LAST NIGHT I SMASHED YOUR VAMPIRE FOLLOWING AND TONIGHT—

DON'T FLATTER YOURSELF, CAPTAIN MARVEL. MY PEOPLE ARE NOT DEAD.

AGAIN CAPTAIN MARVEL FACES THE KING VAMPIRE.



THEY CANNOT DIE UNLESS I AM KILLED FIRST. THEY WAIT NOW TO RALLY WHEN YOU ARE DESTROYED. ONLY SUNRISE SAVED YOU BEFORE, AND NOW—



— YOU CANNOT ESCAPE ME. YOUR STRENGTH WON'T HURT A VAMPIRE.

MAYBE NOT, BUT—



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